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TOPIC Flying Objects Observed in the Shakhty Area

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Comment. For location of Ayuta PW camp, see Annex. 25X1

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2. Comment. All previous reports on flying objects observed in the Shakhty area mentioned that loud noises accompanied the action. The description of the noises indicated that the body was propelled by a rocket or fitted with a pulse-jet engine.

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The objects mentioned in the present report possibly flew at such a high altitude that the sound of the engines could not be heard. Another possibility is that a different phenomenon was observed, which, however, appears rather improbable.

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3. Comment. The observation reported agrees with previous information and indicates that the body was propelled by a ramjet or a rocket engine.

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4. Comment. From the information available it is not yet possible to identify the type of the flying objects observed.

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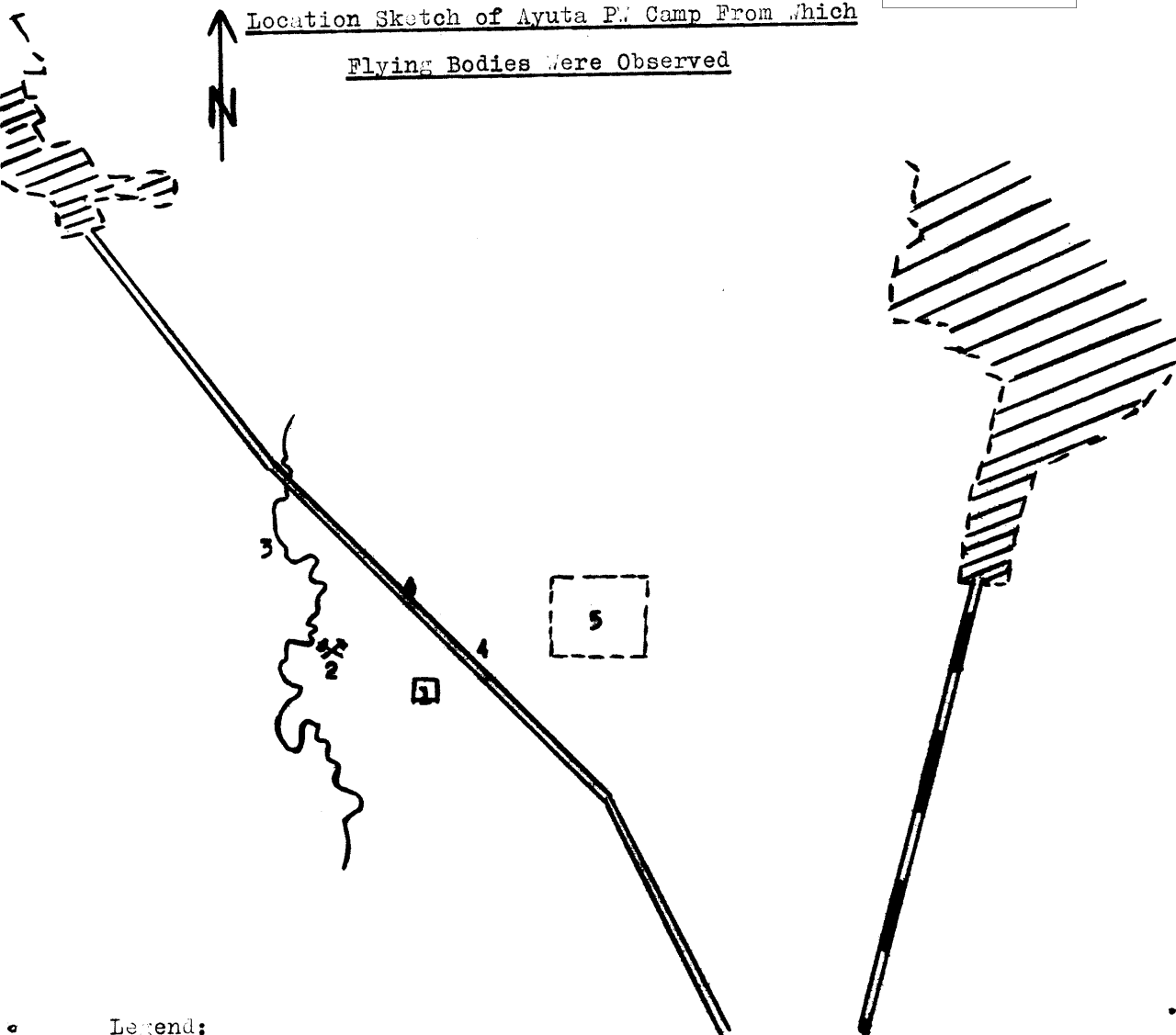
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Location Sketch of Ayuta P.M. Camp From Which
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Legend:

- 1 P.M. Camp No 6104/10
- 2 Ayuta mines
- 3 Ayuta river
- 4 Barred 6-meter-wide highway leading from Rostov to Moscow, flanked by summer roads for horse-drawn vehicles. Construction work on the section south of Shakhty was started in October 1950. This highway section was opened for traffic in October 1951. At a temperature of over + 25 degrees the highway was blocked by military guards. The highway had been built by engineer units of the Red Army which used modern road construction machine.
- 5 Former German auxiliary airfield, now under cultivation.

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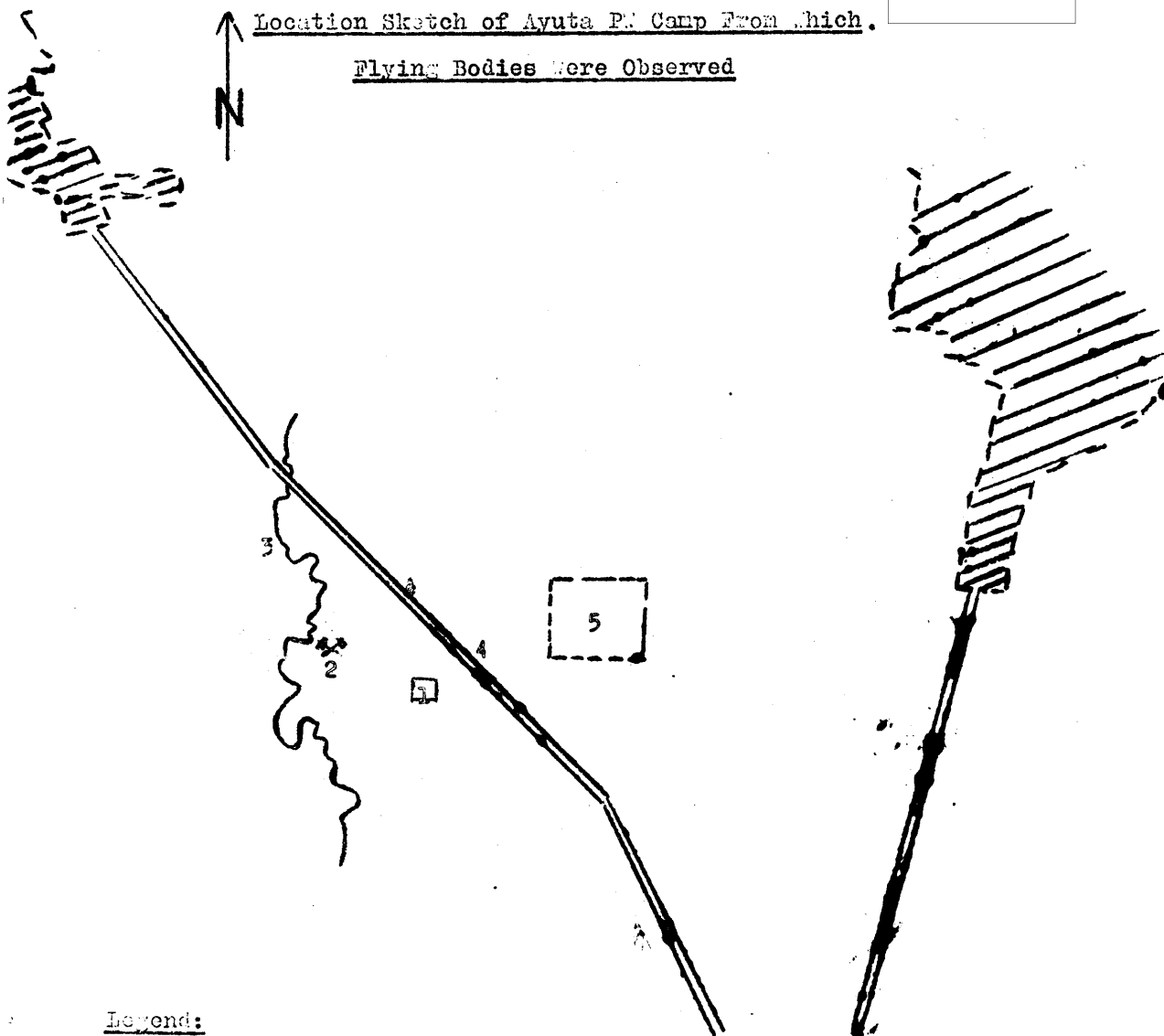
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